

**Health & Family Committee
Rescheduled Regular Meeting
February 22, 2005 – 1:00 p.m.
Tribal Office Conference Room A**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call-

Committee Chairperson Stephanie Awonohopay called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Those present: Jerry Waukau, Duane Waukau, Mary Husby and Gaynelle Hawpetoss. Shannon Wilber and Betty Jo Wozniak were absent. Also present for the meeting was John Miller, Ron Corn, Louis Kakwitch and Laurie Reiter.

2. Moment of Silence-A moment of silence was observed.

3. Approval of Minutes Dated December 14, 2004-

Motion made by Duane Waukau to approve the minutes dated December 14, 2004. Motion was seconded by Mary Husby. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

4. Health Administrator's Report/Jerry Waukau-

Tab #1 – Dental Reinstatements

Motion made by Mary Husby to go into executive session. Motion was seconded by Duane Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent, 1-abstention (Jerry Waukau). Motion carried.

Motion made by Duane Waukau to come out of executive session. Motion was seconded by Gaynelle Hawpetoss. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent, 1-abstention (Jerry Waukau). Motion carried.

Motion made by Duane Waukau to reinstate Patient #14553 to dental privileges. Motion was seconded by Gaynelle Hawpetoss. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent, 1-abstention. Motion carried.

Tab #2 – Policy & Procedure Manual Updates

Jerry Waukau went through all the changes that were made to Policy & Procedure Manuals.

Motion made by Gaynelle Hawpetoss to approve the Policy & Procedure changes for the following manuals; Dental, Medical Services, Medical Records, Optical and Pharmacy. Motion was seconded by Mary Husby. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent, 1-abstention (Jerry Waukau). Motion carried.

5. Food Distribution Request for Support-

Pat Roberts was unable to attend the meeting and sent John Miller in her place. John was present to ask the committee for support and to request the support of the Menominee Tribal Legislature to keep their Pilot Project going.

In 2001 Food Distribution stated the Prime Vendor Pilot Project (a vendor that is already established in delivering food items to grocery stores and other establishments) and receives their food from Reinhart and the Warehouse Pilot Project. Both projects were to operate one year and then be evaluated. Because the USDA had delays in starting the Warehouse project Food Distribution was approved to continue with the projects for the past three years.

USDA has sent Food Distribution a letter stating that the Prime Vendor Pilot Project will be ending June 30, 2004.

Food Distribution is seeking the help of the committee/Menominee Tribal Legislature in writing letters and/or contacting state and national officials (Senators, Congressmen etc.) in support of keeping the projects going.

The main concerns for keeping the project going is for the self esteem of the program participants. Right now the items they receive have commercial labels on them (labels you would find in any grocery store) and removes the Welfare stigma. The USDA has eliminated the best if used by dates on their products and Food Distribution feels that for food safety reasons that the best if used by dates be placed back on the food items.

Motion made by Jerry Waukau to support the Food Distributions request and recommend the Menominee Tribal Legislature submit whatever support they can. Motion was seconded by Gaynelle Hawpetoss. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried. (In the discussion committee would like the Menominee Tribal Legislature to ask for congressional support).

6. Reports from Woodland Boys & Girls Club and Veteran's Service Officer-

Ron Corn was present for the Woodland Boys & Girls Club. Committee members received a copy of their 2004 Annual Report. What Chairperson Awonohopay wanted to know is if the back taxes have ever been paid. Ron Corn wasn't quite sure. Committee members would also like a copy of the Club's activity sheet.

Laurie Reiter, Director of Woodland Boys & Girls club arrived later and informed the committee that the Auditors/Accountants are working on the taxes now and Laurie is waiting for an exact amount so the taxes can be paid. The reason for the delay is that the Boys & Girls Club is hoping to get the Government to reduce the amount of interest owed. Once everything is settled the taxes will be paid.

Louis Kakwitsch, Veteran's Service Officer was present and the committee informed him that they would like to receive a copy of his financial report and that they would like him to report quarterly. Louis will have the report by the next meeting.

7. Youth Service Provider's Report-

No discussion, no action was taken.

8. Recreation Plan-

Duane Waukau informed the committee that he has been working with Jennifer Gauthier in Administration and has come up with five goals which are; Introduction, Administrative, Outdoor Maintenance, Outdoor Recreation and Youth Center.

Duane also informed the committee that May 1st is the deadline for the surveys and he will report on them in June.

Chairperson Awonohopay would like Duane to get all the committee members a written outline with dates.

9. Elder Health Plan-

Committee briefly talked about the Elder Health Plan and decided to send it to Brian Kowalkowski to have him update it with all the responses from all the departments.

10. Review Monthly Reports-

Committee reviewed the reports, no action was taken.

11. Other Business-

Chairperson Awonohopay was asked to research whether or not Food Distribution can sell WIC and found out that it's not possible.

Committee members would like to invite the Aging Director along with Michelle Hoffman to the next meeting.

12. Adjournment-

Motion made by Jerry Waukau to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Duane Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services